

L E T T E R

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

TRANSMITTING,

*In response to resolution of the Senate February 8, 1889, statement of
changes in the Railway Mail Service.*

FEBRUARY 23, 1889.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., February 21, 1889.

SIR: I have the honor to comply with the resolve of the Senate, which is in the words following:

Resolved, That the Postmaster-General be requested to furnish the Senate, at his earliest practicable convenience, with a statement showing the number of changes of railway postal clerks, by quarterly periods, occurring from January 1, 1885, to December 31, 1888, with the reasons for such changes; the said statement to be in tabular form similar to that hereto annexed;

and to transmit herewith the information requested in tabular form similar to that furnished me by the Senate.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

DON M. DICKINSON,
Postmaster-General

Hon. JOHN J. INGALLS,
President pro tempore of the Senate.

Statement showing the number of changes of railway postal clerks by quarterly periods from January 1, 1885, to December 31, 1888, with the reasons for such changes.

Reasons for change.	Quarter ended—																
	March 31, 1885.	June 30, 1885.	September 30, 1885.	December 31, 1885.	March 31, 1886.	June 30, 1886.	September 30, 1886.	December 31, 1886.	March 31, 1887.	June 30, 1887.	September 30, 1887.	December 31, 1887.	March 31, 1888.	June 30, 1888.	September 30, 1888.	December 31, 1888.	Total.
1. By death	16	11	3	5	5	4	4	8	10	15	9	7	10	7	7	8	129
2. By voluntary resignation.....	114	180	143	87	101	100	109	116	111	131	118	132	106	109	106	164	1,927
3. By removal or involuntary resignation, viz:																	
<i>a.</i> For physical or mental incapacity	1	23	10	3	7	3	10	2	3	13	5	2	5	7	21	3	118
<i>b.</i> For inefficiency in discharge of duty	11	61	26	5	28	28	12	17	20	42	21	10	17	12	61	25	426
<i>c.</i> For official misconduct.....	4	29	5	5	10	43	59	14	7	19	13	12	9	10	16	8	263
<i>d.</i> For personal misconduct	18	32	13	21	19	26	5	11	15	21	11	23	19	25	21	33	313
<i>e.</i> For improper character or habits	3	6	4	5	2	1	3	2	5	2	2	1	5	5	6	1	47
<i>f.</i> For political causes (partisanship)	43	58	39	76	52	24	21	22	27	18	13	35	23	155	123	729	
<i>g.</i> For all other causes	1	9	5	1	1	1	1	4	6	4	2	4	5	3	3	5	55
<i>h.</i> For no cause assigned				4	4	4	4	3	4	1							*24
Total	168	394	267	175	253	261	232	193	203	275	198	204	206	201	426	370	4,031
Number in service appointed prior to January 1, 1885, 4,307.....	4,106	3,551	3,289	3,169	2,988	2,790	2,634	2,518	2,403	2,225	2,123	2,037	1,922	1,815	1,509	1,328	(†)
Probationary appointments confirmed.....	167	53	101	340	303	205	244	219	230	210	234	261	208	207	221	222	3,425
Probationary appointments not confirmed.....	34	217	87	40	42	26	19	23	22	27	28	36	27	16	17	25	686

* Porters and transfer clerks, performing laborer's duty. All employés of this service are embraced in the general term railway postal clerk.

† This number (1,328) should not be taken as showing the number of clerks now on the roll who were there on March 5, 1885. On account of additional appointments made between January 1 and March 5, 1885, and the confirmations of many appointments made prior to the latter date, the actual number is 1,510, and to this there should be further added re-instatements to the number of 43, making whole number, 1,553.